

HONORING DR. DON T. NAKANISHI

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a pioneer in the field of Asian American political and educational research, and one of my dearest mentors, Dr. Don T. Nakanishi, on his retirement as director and professor of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

Dr. Nakanishi's 20-year tenure at the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, the largest and most renowned research and teaching institute of its kind in the Nation, has provided key leadership and vision for the development of the field of Asian American Studies and Race and Ethnic Relations Scholarship. His contributions to this invaluable field of study date back nearly 4 decades.

Born and raised in the multiethnic, working class community of East Los Angeles, California, Professor Nakanishi attended Theodore Roosevelt High School, where he served as student body president. He was also selected as boy mayor of the City of Los Angeles when he was a senior.

A political scientist, Dr. Nakanishi received his B.A. in political science from Yale University in 1971, and his Ph.D., also in political science, from Harvard University in 1978.

A professor at UCLA for 35 years, Dr. Nakanishi is a prolific writer and highly influential teacher and scholar who has written over 100 books, articles, and reports on the political participation of Asian Pacific Americans and other ethnic and racial groups in American politics; educational research on issues of access and representation; and the international political dimensions of minority experiences.

Dr. Nakanishi is widely recognized for developing the fields of Asian American political and educational research. He has received numerous awards for his scholarly achievements and public service, including the National Community Leadership Award from the Asian Pacific Institute for Congressional Studies, the prestigious Yale Medal from Yale University, and the inaugural Engaged Scholar Award from the Association of Asian American Studies.

Because of his accomplishments, President Bill Clinton appointed Dr. Nakanishi to the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund board of directors, which administered the program established under the 1988 Civil Liberties Act that provided a national apology and reparations for the 120,000 Japanese Americans who were incarcerated in concentration camps during World War II.

I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Don Nakanishi for his remarkable service and contribution to our community.

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPE LEADERSHIP

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 25th anniversary of

Tempe Leadership. Tempe Leadership has continuously identified bright and exceptional community members and nurtured their leadership skills through education, experience, exposure and service.

In its 25 years, Tempe Leadership has played an essential role in fostering tomorrow's community leaders. To date, Tempe Leadership boasts more than 400 graduates, including highly accomplished elected officials, board members, and numerous business and non-profit executives. Each year, participants of the program tackle a class project, which utilizes their skilled and unskilled physical labor to give back to Tempe.

I would like to congratulate Tempe Leadership on 25 years of success, and express my gratitude for the profound contributions its graduates have made to our community's quality of life. Because of Tempe Leadership, their positive impact on our community will be felt for decades to come.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Tempe Leadership's impressive 25 years of service. The program's dedication to enhancing Tempe leaders should serve as an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING EDWARD PATE AS
THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Edward Pate upon receiving the Santa Rosa County, Florida Teacher of the Year Award. Edward is a dedicated teacher and public servant, and I am honored to recognize his Teacher of the Year achievement.

Edward joined Gulf Breeze High School in 2005 following a career as an attorney and ceramics gallery owner in New York City. He currently teaches English III and Pensacola Junior College Dual Enrollment classes. These core classes have achieved a passing rate of 94 percent or better during his tenure. Edward also coaches the Boys Golf Team, this year's District 2A Champion and a state Academic Team Champion. The team had the highest cumulative GPA of the 251 schools in District 2A.

Edward serves on the PTSO Board, the SAC Committee, and the Rtl Committee. He received his National Board Certification in 2008 and serves as the English Department Chair. As Department Chair, he is developing a new department-wide program to assess and improve student writing. He always imparts a positive attitude to his students and other teachers, and his high level of energy inspires the entire school.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Edward Pate as the Santa Rosa Teacher of the Year. He is a true public servant and a dedicated teacher. My wife Vicki and I wish Edward and his family all the best for the future.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GWINN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Gwinn United Methodist Church, UMC, during its centennial celebration. For 100 years, the Gwinn UMC has been a gathering site for worship, teaching and fellowship in the Gwinn community. Its rich history can be traced through families who have been members of the church for generations, while its welcoming atmosphere continues to attract new members.

Just a short drive south of Lake Superior, Gwinn United Methodist Church is bound tightly to the history of the Upper Peninsula. The community of Gwinn was built to support the iron mines of Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Mining Company, which still operates in the Marquette County today. As Cleveland-Cliffs president William G. Mather began to build his "model town," a group of settlers in nearby Princeton organized a church group and began plans for a Methodist church.

Land for the Gwinn United Methodist Church was deeded to the congregation by William Mather in 1909, and on October 15, 1909, the cornerstone of the church was laid by Mather himself. The church was formally dedicated on February 20, 1910, by its first pastor, Reverend Simon Hocking.

As the community of Gwinn grew and prospered, so did Gwinn UMC. Over the years, modifications have been made to the building, including the addition of an education wing, a remodeled chancel area in the sanctuary, and the construction of a parsonage on property adjoining the church. Gwinn UMC also welcomed its first full-time minister in 1984, having previously shared pastors with several nearby communities. Even as the church has grown, it has also stayed connected with its roots; today's congregation still worships in the original 1909 pews.

While its history is impressive, Gwinn UMC's most inspiring attribute is the outpouring of support and assistance it provides to the Gwinn community. The church has opened its doors to be used by groups including Head Start, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, and Alcoholics Anonymous. On the second Wednesday of each month, members of the congregation prepare a free evening meal for the community, serving 707 people in 2009, fostering a sense of fellowship and camaraderie between neighbors and friends. The church also provided 344 bags of groceries to 235 families last year through its weekly food pantry.

Through its Children's Love Fund, Gwinn UMC provides assistance to families of area children needing extensive medical treatment; and through its Endowment Fund, the church provides gifts and grants to individuals, organizations and missions locally, regionally and globally. Since 2002, \$11,300 has been provided to missions through the Endowment Fund.

Madam Speaker, from its earliest days Gwinn United Methodist Church has been connected to the Gwinn community through history and tradition. The spirit and principles